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'84 CONFERENCE RESCHEDULED

SCLA President Paul Dove has announced that the 1984 SCLA Annual Conference has been rescheduled for September 13, 14, and 15, 1984.

The Conference had been scheduled for November 1-3. "We suddenly realized," said President Dove, "that we were scheduling our convention for the same time that the American Association of School Librarians was planning their national conference in Atlanta. If it were in San Francisco, or someplace equally distant, it probably wouldn't make much difference. But with AASL in Atlanta, we'd be forcing a lot of school librarians to make a difficult choice. It's better for us to move our conference date."

President Dove noted that the Carolina Inn in Columbia, site of the '84 Conference, has already agreed to the change. He said, though, "September was the only acceptable time for both the Carolina Inn and SCLA. Southeastern Library Association's conference is in October, and Carolina Inn has contractual obligations that preclude any time but September."

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM HANDBOOK PUBLISHED

SCLA's Intellectual Freedom Committee has formally announced the publication of its Intellectual freedom handbook, according to IFC Chairman Dr. Dan Barron. Publication of the handbook, funded in part by a grant from the South Carolina Committee for the Humanities, caps the work of groups representing both SCLA and the South Carolina Association of School Librarians.

Dr. Barron, in describing the publication, described it as "the one place to find all documents published by ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom relating to this continuing problem." In addition to the Freedom to Read Statement and other related items, the Handbook sets down guidelines for dealing with challenges to materials, and should it become necessary, procedures for asking ALA for help.

By News

SCLA President Paul Dove, in a letter of congratulations to the SCLA Intellectual Freedom Committee, said, "It is an ideal document for us to have available and represents what our professional associations ought to be doing for our membership and the libraries we serve. ... While I can certainly take extremely little credit for your committee's fine work, it will no doubt be the highlight of my year as SCLA President to report and remember that you and your committee published this guide in 1983."

Each library in the state of South Carolina will receive one free copy of the publication. Libraries who have not received their copy should contact Dr. Barron at the USC College of Library and Information Science.

In a related development, Dr. Barron announced that legislation is being introduced into the State Legislature to protect the confidentiality of library records. At present, some 13 states (including Alabama) have such laws on record, which guard the privacy of libraries' borrowers' records.

NOMINATING PROCESS QUESTIONED

Drucie Reeves, SCLA Vice President/President - Elect, reports that questions have again been raised about procedures for identifying and ratifying the Association's leadership from year to year. Under consideration by the Association is a proposal to drop the practice of forming a ballot of several candidates for each office (on which the membership then votes), in favor of a single slate of candidates chosen by the nominating committee.

"Finding enough people to run for office isn't easy at all," said Ms. Reeves. "A lot of people have been saying 'no' for various reasons. In particular, it seems to be hard to get people to run a second time after they've lost their first election. This is not to say that our present slate isn't top-notch - but in general it's really getting to be a hassle."

Compounding the problem, reports Ms. Reeves, is low voter turnout. "In our last election, we had a total response from about 200 voters. That's out of a membership of around 800."

At the end of this issue of N&V is a questionnaire regarding the nominating system. The Executive Board of SCLA requests that you complete the questionnaire and return it as soon as possible. (Mailing information is on the questionnaire.)

CE ADVISORY GROUP MEETS

A group representing a variety of libraries, associations, and agencies met August 5 to discuss the continuing education effort of USC's College of Library and Information Science. The College indicated that the loss of its full-time CE coordinator position would result in fewer activities. Nevertheless, certain events can be counted on for next year, including DIALOG workshops, intellectual freedom workshops related to the grant from the South Carolina Committee for the Humanities, microcomputer workshops (especially on request from specific groups), the microcomputer TV course, and the College's Tenth Year Celebration. A representative of the College indicated that despite cutbacks, the College is still committed to a strong service program to the professional community in the state.

Members of the group were asked to indicate what areas they felt needed to be addressed by continuing education programs. Among the responses were:

- a follow-up workshop on creating bibliographic instruction materials for academic and school libraries.

- a workshop on library-specific microcomputer software, directed at all types of libraries.

- hands-on experience with OCLC and online database searching as an update for librarians who graduated before the advent of such tools.

- an update of children's literature, young adult literature, AV and technology for specific library personnel.

One request asked for "an updating of basic skills." Asked for more specific information, the requestor responded, "So many feel so out of touch with what's going on."

CALENDAR

September 28 - 30: SELA Site Selection Committee visits Columbia. The Committee, chaired by Florida State Librarian Lorraine Schaeffer, will be hosted by area librarians and SCLA officers, to determine the city's suitability for the 1988 Southeastern Library Association's Biennial Conference.

October 13: Preconference: "The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly: Improving the One-Hour Lecture." 10AM - Noon. Speaker: Trish Ridgeway, Winthrop College. Sponsored by Bibliographic Instruction Interest Group. ****Note:** Preregistration required. Deadline for preregistration Oct. 7. Fee \$5. Make checks payable to SCLA; send to Mrs. Jane Presseau, Presbyterian College Library, Clinton, SC 29325. For more information call Mrs. Presseau at 833-2820, ext. 296.

Oct. 13-15: SCLA Annual Conference. Greenville, Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Oct. 18: South Carolina State Library Board Meeting. Columbia, S.C. State Library; 12:00N.

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Mr. William A. Ellett has been appointed to the position of Cataloger at the South Carolina State Library. Mr. Ellett brings to the State Library over 6 years of professional experience, having served as Head of Cataloging at the Cooperative College Library Center in Atlanta, Georgia. The Center provides acquisitions, cataloging, and processing of materials for 43 colleges and special libraries, including five located in South Carolina. Mr. Ellett received his Master's degree in librarianship at Emory University in 1977. He is originally from Greenville, S. C.

The State Library also announced the appointment of **Ms. Barbara "Kay" Kasper** to the position of Field Service Librarian. Ms. Kasper is a native of Indiana, served as a consultant in the Extension Division of the Indiana State Library over the past three years. She has also served as a public library director in the state of Indiana. Ms. Kasper holds the A.B. and M.L.S. degrees from Indiana University, where she is completing Ph.D. requirements and also taught as an instructor in the School of Library and Information Science. She was also a visiting professor at the University of Alberta Library School.

Dr. Allen H. Stokes has been appointed Librarian of the historic South Caroliniana Library at the University of South Carolina. Dr. Stokes succeeds E. L. Inabinett, who retired after 25 years in the position. Dr. Stokes has served as Manuscripts Librarian at the South Caroliniana Library since 1972. A native of Spartanburg, he is a graduate of Wofford College and holds the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of South Carolina. He served as Captain in the U.S. Army Signal Corps during the Vietnam conflict. He is a specialist in 19th century Southern and economic history and industrial America, 1866-1920. He was awarded the Newcomen Award in Material History in 1977. He edited the recently published Guide to the manuscript collection of the South Caroliniana Library.

Five librarians have joined the Reference Department of the Thomas Cooper Library at the University of South Carolina:

Mrs. Lynn S. Barron, who holds the M.S. in L.S. degree from the University of North Carolina, is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of USC and was formerly associated with the USC Library from 1967 to 1973.

Mr. Daniel G. Boice, who holds the M.A. and A.M.L.S. degrees from the University of Michigan, and was previously associated with the Northern Illinois University Library.

Ms. Susan L. Collins, who holds the M.A. degree from Pennsylvania State University and the M.L.S. from the University of Pittsburgh, and was previously associated with the library of Carnegie Mellon University.

Mr. Edward Jens Holley, who holds the M.S.L.S. degree from the University of North Carolina, is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and was previously associated with the Environmental Protection Agency at Research Triangle Park, N.C.

Ms. Marcia Jo Martin, who holds the M.A. and M.L.S. degrees from Indiana, and who was previously associated with the Indiana University Library.

Mrs. Rossie B. Caldwell retired May 13, 1983, after 44 years of service in the field of librarianship. Her first 20 years were spent as a high school teacher-librarian and librarian at Anderson, Rock Hill, and Orangeburg, respectively - the last interrupted by two years and four months of War Department clerical service during World War II at Tuskegee Army Air Field. The last 26 years were spent as Assistant and Associate Professor of Library Science at South Carolina State College.

****A reminder:** if you have retired from a library position and have been a member of SCLA for 10 consecutive years, you are eligible for an honorary life membership in the South Carolina Library Association. If you haven't already done so, or if you know of someone who meets these qualifications, please notify Mrs. Lou Whitmore, SCLA Executive Secretary.



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